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INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

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AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY MADRID

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EG, XF

SUBJECT: FAHMY VERSION OF MADRID INCIDENT

1. AMBASSADOR FOUND FONMIN FAHMY IN SELF SATISFIED MOOD OVER WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS HIS VIRTUALLY SINGLE-HANDED ROLE IN BRING IN SATISFACTORY END THE MADRID INCIDENT PREVIOUS DAY. EGYPTAN AMBASSADOR ABD AL-GHAFFAR IS NOW BACK IN MADRID.

2. ACCORDING TO FAHMY, IT WAS NOT ONLY PRESIDENT SADAT'S FIRM DENUNCIATION LAST NIGHT OF ATTACK ON EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN MADRID WHICH SOLVED THE PROBLEM. RATHER, IT WAS FAHMY'S FIRM DIRECT TALK TO ARAFAT AND IRAQIS. FAHMY SAID HE CALLED ARAFAT IN BEIRUT AND TOLD HIM IF HE DIDN'T CALL HIS GOONS OFF THE CONSEQUENCES FOR PALESTINIAN INTEREST WOULD BE GRAVES. ARAFAT, FAHMY SAYS, REPLIED TERRORISTS WERE NOT RPT NOT FROM PLO BUT FROM ALF (CONTROLLED FROM BAGHDAD). FAHMY THEN GOT IRAQI AMBASSADOR IN MADRID ON ANOTHER LINE AND ASKED HIM FOR ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATION OF TERRORISTS. WHEN IRAQI AMBASSADOR SAID THEY WERE FROM PLO, FAHMY SAYS HE REPLIED THAT ARAFAT WAS ON ANOTHER LINE AND WAS  
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SAYING THAT THEY WERE FROM ALF, AND IN ANY CASE IF THE IRAQI

AMBASSADOR DID NOT GET MOVING IMMEDIATELY TO FREE EGYPTIAN  
DIPLOMATS, SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES WOULD ENSUE FOR PALESTINIAN CAUSE.  
THIS TOUGH TALK, FAHMY IS CONVINCED, IS WHAT SAVED THE SITUATION.

3. ODDLY, FAHMY WAS NOT AWARE OF PRESS REPORTS THAT EGYPTIAN  
AMBASSADOR HAD SIGNED ANTI-GOE STATEMENT TOGETHER WITH OTHER ARAB  
AMBASSADORS IN MADRID. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT IF THIS SHOULD  
PROVE TRUE, OBVIOUSLY ABD AL-GHAFFAR DID SO UNDER DURESS AND  
HIS SIGNATURE IS MEANINGLESS.

4. COMMENT: FAHMY'S MODESTY IS ONE OF HIS MORE BECOMING QUALITIES.  
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